



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Animal and  
Plant Health  
Inspection  
Service

Animal Care  
4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD  
20737

Ewin Cowley  
1924 Wilson Parkway  
Fayetteville, TN 37334

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Mr. Cowley:

The enclosed Official Warning is being issued to you for alleged violations of the Horse Protection Act (HPA) (15 U.S.C. § 1821 *et seq.*). The HPA prohibits horses that are subjected to a practice called soring from participating in auctions, exhibitions, sales, or shows. The HPA also prohibits the transportation of sored horses to or from these events.

Because violations of the HPA can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of these violations. Any further violation of the HPA may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact our office at (301) 851-3751.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chester A. Gipson  
Deputy Administrator  
Animal Care

Enclosure



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.  
**TN130083-AC**

VIOLATOR  
**Ewin Cowley**

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

**1924 Wilson Parkway  
Fayetteville, TN 37334**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal law:

**Date of Violation: August 02, 2012**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2) – Unlawful acts**

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

**9 C.F.R. § 11.2 – General prohibitions concerning exhibitors**

“Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph(b) of this section, no chain, boot, roller, collar, action device, nor any other device, method, practice, or substance shall be used with respect to any horse at any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction if such use causes or can reasonably be expected to cause such horse to be sore.

Ewin Cowley allowed the showing of the horse, “Look I’m Sandra Dee,” in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fayetteville Blue Ribbon Horse Show in Fayetteville, TN, which was found sore.

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

Dr. Chester A. Gipson  
Deputy Administrator

At

Signature

OFFICE ADDRESS:

4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

TELEPHONE NO.

(301) 851-3751

FOR PERSONAL SERVICE - RECEIVED BY: (Name and signature)

DATE RECEIVED:

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